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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 15th March, 2022

No.2391—SM-MC2-MC-0055/2020/SM.

Sub : Extension of reservation period for Pottangi Bauxite Mines in favour of NALCO.

ORDER

Whereas, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1A) of Section 17A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government, in consultation with the State Government of Odisha had reserved the area of 1738.04 Ha. for undertaking prospecting or mining operations in respect of bauxite deposits through National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) in Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in the State of Odisha for a period of ten years up to 27th April, 2017 vide notification number G.S.R. 314 (E), the 27th April, 2017;

And, whereas, the reservation period in respect of aforementioned lease was extended in favour of National Aluminium Company Limited for a further period of five years up to 26th April, 2022 with effect from 27th April, 2017 vide notification number G.S.R.411 (E), dated the 27th April, 2017;

And, whereas, subsequently, after exploration and Differential Global Positioning System survey, the lease area was revised to 697.979 Ha. from 1738.04 Ha. vide notification number G.S.R. 255 (E), dated the 21st March, 2018 for the purpose of mining as rest of the area does not have the mineral deposits.

And, whereas, the company has not started the mining operation due to want of statutory clearance. Reason for delay in obtaining these clearances is beyond its control.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (4) of Section 17A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the State Government of

Odisha, in consultation with the Central Government, and in supersession of the previous notifications pleased to extend the reservation period by one year i.e. up to 25th April, 2023 in respect of Pottangi Bauxite mine over an area of 697.979 Ha. for undertaking mining operations through National Aluminium Company Limited in the Pottangi Tahasil of Koraput District in the State of Odisha lying within the boundary of such reserved area and for the mineral specified below, namely:-District: Koraput

Area: 697.979 Ha., Pottangi Bauxite deposit in the Taluk of Pottangi of Koraput

District — Toposheet No. 65J/14/SE

Area demarcated by Latitude and Longitude: Latitude

18° 34'31.13" N to 18° 37' 6,48" N

Longitude 82° 56' 25.34" E to 82°59' 49.97"E

Mineral: Bauxite.

By Order of the Governor

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